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Flight o' Time
Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO
Dec. 30, 1944
(Name "Myers - Holland Post" chosen for new Central Post American Legion post in honor of Navy men Homer Myers and Vernon Holland, first two men from Central Post area to die in World War II.)

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The Jackson county delegation to the legislature at Salem will depart this week. If the august body don't adjourn too often on Thursdays for week-end committee meetings in Portland, they should be home, speech-scared and weary, by the first heavy frost in April.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 30, 1934
Wayne Morse, dean of University of Oregon school of law, presides over session of attorney general's crime conference in Washington, D. C.

Frank J. Van Dyke, Ashland lawyer since 1933 and city attorney there for the past year, announces plans to open own office in Ashland First National bank building.

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 30, 1924
(Flood hits Medford area; several cabins washed away at Merrick's camp, and city's temporary wooden bridge over Bear creek between Cottage st. and East 12th st. destroyed.)

New county officers, including Sheriff Ralph Jennings, County Clerk Delilah Stevens, and County Judge W. J. Hartzell, to be sworn in next Monday.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 30, 1914
(Japanese residents of Medford area collect \$29 to be donated to Belgian Relief fund.)

From the Local and Personal column: Rattlesnake Jim held forth on Haymarket Square Tuesday afternoon to small crowds, and left this morning in his bare feet for Grants Pass.

What's the Answer?
(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)

- 1. Dec. 25 is given as the birthday of the Saviour in the Old Testament, in both, or in neither?
2. President Eisenhower has said he will consult with Democratic leaders of the new Congress on foreign policy, domestic program, both or neither?
3. Are there more men today in the U. S. Air Force, Army, Marine Corps or Navy?
4. A resolution in Congress for a committee to investigate somebody or something is or isn't subject to a veto by the President?
5. The cost of a typical major auto repair job has much more or much less than doubled, or about doubled, over the last dozen years?
6. Treasury Secretary Humphrey says he expects a surplus or a deficit next fiscal year, or hopes to balance the budget then?
7. About half of all persons with diabetes could control it by diet alone and without using insulin; right or wrong?
The Answers: 1. In neither; the date is deduced from other events. 2. On foreign policy only. 3. Army. 4. Isn't. 5. Has much more than doubled. 6. Expects another deficit. 7. Right.

Can The East Bring Peace?

The meeting of the premiers of five small nations in the Far East with the unpronounceable names has adjourned with an invitation to 25 other nations to attend a new world peace conference this coming April.

This conference, it is explained, will work for "world peace economic and social development of Africa and Asia, and tackle such special problems as colonialism, racialism and national sovereignty."

The No. 1 purpose of the gathering will be to prevent war, particularly another world war.

IT IS easy to laugh this off as just another futile gesture. But we are inclined to think this so-called "Colombo Venture" is not only of considerable significance, but MAY lead to something important and worth while.

In the first place it shows how the nature of peace has changed. It is no longer only a concern between the major powers, and particularly two of them, Russia and the United States, but a concern of the entire globe including the Eskimos!

FOR with super-sonic airplanes and guided-missiles, not to overlook the release of deadly germs, any major war would affect every country, directly or indirectly, and as a result—and as this Colombo meeting shows—the desire for world peace all over the world is stronger than it ever has been before. And world opinion, like public opinion, has great power.

The plain truth is no one—no people at least—wants war. These Far Eastern nations don't want. And where there is such universal demand and any organization to implement it there should be some constructive results.

IN this connection it is interesting to note that the distinguished British historian Arnold Toynbee, who has been lecturing in this country and accused by some of being just another prophet of "doom and gloom" places his faith in the avoidance of another World War largely on the peoples of the Far East and their devotion to peace as a corner-stone of their religion.

We quote: "I hope we are going to allow the East Indians to influence us in favor of the belief that God is not an exclusive and jealous God. I use God in the old-fashioned sense—we might express it in other ways—I am talking of the spiritual verity behind the phenomenon. That picture of God is the picture that St. Paul put before the very proud and exclusive Athenians in a world that at that time was living under a Roman peace. St. Paul said: 'He giveth to all life and breath, and all things, and hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth.'"

AND here is Historian Toynbee's conclusion, quote:

"This is a timely message by St. Paul for the American people and the Russian people and all the other peoples in our world today. ... Neither the Soviet Union and her allies nor the United States and her allies I am afraid can afford to disarm one-sidedly, and to disarm bilaterally by agreement is something that requires a confidence in one another which unhappily neither party feels or is going to fee, for a very long time. So we have to work toward acquiring this mutual confidence but it is a distant goal, we can't expect to get there quickly. ... So we have to have the patience and the courage to stand the strain of living side by side in a shrinking world, horribly armed against one another ..."

"Now our official creeds may answer this effort in the negative but if they do I rather take comfort in the fact that in the world today, Moslems and Christians are living side by side though their creeds I suppose still declare this to be immoral and impossible. We are no longer waging wars of religions against each other, so as a historian I take comfort from this. I think the chances are that the Communist and non-Communist factions of the human race are going to shake down together in something the same way. Can't we learn it imaginatively by seeing the disasters of the past and realize the incredibly greater disasters that these new weapons would bring upon us, if they were used?"

THAT is the historian's viewpoint, and a very skeptical and realistic historian of the highest standing to boot.

What the viewpoint of the international gathering called for next April may be no one now knows. But as stated above, this department has a hunch that it will accomplish more than most of the experts now believe, and we refer to those "experts" in Washington particularly, who claim that "coexistence" with Russia on anything but a war basis is both criminal and impossible!—R.W.R.

How About Viet Minh?

A rather gloomy peace picture in the Far East has been given recently by Joseph Alsop in the Alsop Brothers column, a regular feature in this paper.

He has spent several days in Indochina and Viet Minh and has expressed a fear that eventually that entire country will go communist.

By the terms of the original treaty, south Viet Nam was to be anti-communist and independent of the north, with French and American aid to sustain this division. But Alsop sees little if any hope of this being accomplished. He stresses especially the high morale of the pro-Red Viet Namese, what they have accomplished under adverse conditions, and what they hope to accomplish from now on.

The parting of Dr. Vinh to Alsop was: "It will not be long before all Viet Nam is ours," and Alsop's conclusion is "he is—alas—probably right."

So what? If this happens it will be another triumph of communism and another defeat for the Democratic West.

Will Senator Knowland ask for another blockade, or will this reverse be accepted by the administration as the only alternative to war, and war must be avoided at any cost?—R.W.R.

Matter of Fact

IN A DOOMED CITY

Haiphong, Indochina—A year ago, this city was a bustling port, sustaining the crucial struggle to hold back the Communist advance in Asia. Today, Haiphong still bustles—to ship out the goods that must not and the people who do not wish to fall into Communist hands.



Joseph Alsop

The struggle against the Indo-Chinese Communist has been lost, but in Saigon the reality of defeat is masked, perhaps because the smell of corruption is so strong there. In Haiphong's brisker northern air, it is different. Under the Geneva terms, Haiphong will end its control in a few months. They face facts in Haiphong, which might be a good idea in Washington, too.

The chief fact they face in Haiphong is the rapid, ominous growth of the crude military power of the Communist Viet Minh since the signature of the accord at Geneva. The intelligence tells the tale. After Dien Bien Phu, Vo Nguyen Giap, comprised five tough infantry divisions and elements of an artillery division. A single Viet Minh artillery regiment did the cruel work that decided the fight at Dien Bien Phu.

Besides these regulars, however, Gen. Giap also commanded great numbers of the so-called regional regiments, provincial battalions and district companies. These were lightly armed but regularly trained units assigned to operate in the guerrilla manner behind the French lines. In the whole of Indochina, the numerical strength of these specialized units, halfway between regulars and guerrillas, probably equalled more than twenty additional divisions.

Some of these troops formerly stationed in the South—although by no means all—are now being transported to the Viet Minh northern stronghold in the Tonkin delta. Locally, in any case, Gen. Giap has vast reserves of trained military man power to draw upon.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
As these words are written, the eyes of the world—the slave world and the free world alike—are on France. This question is in every mind: What will the French do?

FRANCE'S troubles—now, as often in the past—arise out of irresponsible government. The French (who are among the most lovable people in the world) have an unbelievable talent for bad government.

After having endured for generations the cruelties, the heartlessness and the extravagance of their absolute monarchs, the time came when they could take it no longer and they stormed the old Bastille, which they had come to look upon as the sign and the symbol of everything they hated.

They TOOK THE BASTILLE. They took power into their own hands—where it belonged.

BUT, having taken supreme power into their own toiled-hardened hands, all they could think of was to cut off heads. Under the Directory—composed of extreme radicals—they set up the guillotine in the street, and heads rolled like bowling balls in an alley. That went on for several years. The time was known as the Terror. From the beginning to the end of the Terror, some 4,000 people were condemned and executed.

THEN—Out of the Terror—THERE CAME NAPOLEON.

AFTER Napoleon had strutted his little hour on the world stage, whitening the fields of half of Europe with the bones of France's sons and enriching the soil with their blood, and had finally been stopped. All the French could think of in the way of government was to PUT ANOTHER BOURBON KING BACK ON THE THRONE.

So—You see—You never can tell what the French will do when it comes to government.

If you're lonely and out of sorts and don't know what to do with yourself in a French village, the warm-hearted and lovable French will take you in and make you feel at home and cared for.

If you're cold and hungry in a French village, they'll take you in and warm you and feed you and take joy in the doing of it.

BUT when it comes to providing good government, responsible government, for themselves—Well, that's another story. On that point, they're unpredictable.

By Joseph Alsop

WHAT is happening is typified by the experience in the area of the Viet Minh regional command on the left bank of the Red river. This was once an underground command, with one regional regiment, four provincial battalions and some scores of district companies assigned to harass the French in the region. Since Geneva, the regiment has suddenly become a division, and each of the region's provincial battalions has spawned another battalion.

By such means as these, Gen. Giap has already increased his regular force from five infantry divisions plus elements of an artillery division to seven regular divisions and three artillery divisions. Beneath this upper layer of regular, fully modern divisions, moreover, there is the big layer of troops not yet regularly equipped, typified by the eight provincial battalions in the region above mentioned.

Artillery of all kinds, ammunition, mechanized transport and other material of modern war is pouring in across the Chinese border, in flat defiance of the Geneva accord, to support a continuing Viet Minh military buildup. The transfer of forces, from the lower layer or semi-regulars to the upper layer or regular divisions, must therefore be expected to continue. Eighteen months from now when a national election is supposed to decide the fate of all Indochina, Gen. Giap should have at least 15 regular divisions at his disposal, with large additional semi-regular forces in the north, and most powerful guerrilla support in crucial South Viet Nam.

The non-Communist Vietnamese army in the South is already badly demoralized. No conceivable effort of training and discipline can make it the equal of the force at Gen. Giap's disposal. The French expeditionary force will certainly not fight to defend South Viet Nam, for men do not lightly take up arms again when they have laid them down. It is not American policy to fight for South Viet Nam either. The peaceable, self-educating noises from Washington indicate that plainly enough. But it very definitely is the Viet Minh policy to fight for South Viet Nam if necessary.

SUCH are the ugly factors in the military equation. On the one side is a powerful and growing force, ready to fight if need be. On the other side there is approximately nothing. The military equation, furthermore, directly affects the political equation. Already Viet Minh agents are approaching important military and political personalities in the South to seek whether they would like to make their deals now. Before long the same sell-outs will probably be taking place that marked the last phase of the loss of China.

If the sell-outs do not happen earlier, they will certainly happen when and if the Chinese Communists are amiably permitted to take the islands on the Formosa approaches. America is the one hope here, and if America stands aside while the Communists score another triumph, even those Vietnamese who have firmly chosen freedom will wonder whether it is not time to climb aboard the Communist bandwagon.

In short all the signs indicate the imminence of another shattering Communist victory in Indo-China. Only a miracle, which no one is making a serious effort to produce, can now save southern Indo-China and Laos from the fate of Hanoi and Haiphong. This is the kind of thing that makes one rather nostalgic for the old "containment" policy, which our present leadership used to denounce as insufficiently dynamic.

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Franco and Don Juan Meet; Spain Future May Hinge on Talks

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Foreign Analyst

High drama surrounds the meeting between Generalissimo Francisco Franco and Don Juan, pretender to the Spanish throne.



Charles McCann

Out of the meeting could come an agreement by which the boy, some day, would become king of Spain and put the ancient Bourbon dynasty back in the narrowing circle of European monarchs.

That would be a testimonial both to the durability of the Bourbon line and of the hold which the idea of monarchy still has on millions of people in Europe.

The Bourbon line was started in the little town of Bourbon a'Arhambault in central France a thousand years ago.

Bourbons became kings of France, of Spain, and of other European territories.

Helped Shape History
For centuries the Bourbons helped shape European history. But the last of the Bourbon kings lost out when, in 1931, Alfonso XIII of Spain, father of Don Juan, was ousted.

Spain became a republic. The republic ended in 1939 as the result of Franco's victory in the civil war.

In 1947, Franco sponsored a

law of succession by which Spain was to become a monarchy, with a regency council and with himself as head of state. It was provided that in the event of Franco's death or incapacitation, the regency council should select a king or regent, subject to parliamentary approval.

Nominally, Don Juan as Alfonso's heir would have been in line for the throne. But Franco and Juan did not get along too well, and Franco has favored Juan Carlos as his successor.

Lived in Exile
Juan Carlos was living with his father in exile in Portugal. In 1948, Franco and Don Juan met on Franco's yacht off the Spanish coast to discuss the boy's education. As the result Juan Carlos went to Spain to study. He graduated from high school in Madrid last summer.

Recently Franco and Don Juan started negotiations on the boy's future education. When the two met Wednesday it was the first time in 23 years since his father was overthrown that Don Juan had set foot on Spanish soil.

It is indicated that, at this meeting, Franco and Don Juan may reach an agreement on Juan Carlos's future status, as well as his education.

It would be interesting if Spain one day became a monarchy again. Some of the most stable countries, and the most prosperous ones, in Europe are still monarchies. There are still people who believe that constitutional monarchy might help some of the turbulent European countries which are now republics. Greece is doing well under a king after having tried a republic. A new trend toward monarchy really would be something.

On The Side

By E. V. DURLING
(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

As within the little days of you find the richest days and in a little grain of gold. Much price and value lies. As from a little balsam. Much odor doth arise. So in a little woman, There's a touch of paradise. —Juan Luis De Hita

Have been asked if Bob Hope is a better golfer than Bing Crosby. I believe Bob has a slight edge on Bing on the links. Bob is entitled to wear the hole-in-one tie. Bing is not.

A golfer must have made three certified holes in one to wear the elegant piece of neckwear aforementioned. The hole-in-one tie is maroon colored with a silver motif of ball, clubs, flag and figure one. Incidentally, the highly versatile Hope's sparkling autobiography, "I Told 'Have Tux, Will Travel,'" has hit the best seller lists. Don't miss reading it. Packs plenty of laughs and is top entertainment from cover to cover.

Says He

"Your horses and women experts are unusually accurate as to females, their whims, ways and characteristics," writes a New Yorker. "But when you are right, why hedge? Why be concerned about a slap in the face? You were right about the women marines in World War II being excessively hippy. The claim that nurses are chilly companions on moonlight strolls is also accurate. Is also true. Scorpio women have bad tempers, are inclined to overdress and pour too much cheap perfume over themselves. Quite right is it that tall girls always want to sit on a man's lap. It makes them feel smaller. Naturally, such claims anger some of your feminine subscribers. The truth hurts. But I pray you, Sir, don't endanger the reputation of your world famous Horses & Women department by backing down on reports as to the female sex that are quite true."

What's In a Name?
What have you decided to name your next baby if it's a girl? How about Gloria? Have you noticed the number of clever, beautiful and successful girls named Gloria. As for examples, Gloria Swanson and Gloria Stuart, the film stars. Then there is Gloria Romanoff, the charming, capable and good looking spouse of Mike Romanoff, the Beverly Hills (Calif.) restaurateur. Also Gloria Hatrick Stewart, wife of the elongated cinema star, James Stewart.

Passing By
Yvonne De Carlo met Peggy Middleton, the world's most beautiful spinster. She is still fancy free and waiting for the right man to come from around the corner. I am making a study of Miss De Carlo for the benefit of any of our bachelor clients who may want to marry her. All I know right now is that she is a sympathetic girl with a sense of humor, who likes buttered rum and Cervele de Veau. She is very sophisticated. Knows at least 94 per cent of the answers. If you love her, you must also love her two French poolies, Willie and Winkie.

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. Am I right in saying one of the rules of racing on the British turf is that the use of a Biblical name for a race horse is absolutely forbidden? A. Do not know of any such rule. If there is it must be a recent development. Among my collection of sporting prints is one of a British thoroughbred named Moses who was a winner of the Epsom Derby.

Those Nylons
Hosiery manufacturers are still claiming the carelessness of women is responsible for the speedy wearing out of nylon stockings. One male expert on the subject says it is a sad fact most women don't even know how to properly put on a pair of stockings. He says manufacturers of nylon hosiery should put a mark on the stocking top to show where the garter should go.

FOR SALE: SNOW PLOW
Memphis, Tenn.—(U.P.)—The Army finally gave up today and put its only snow plow at the military depot here up for sale. The reason: There hasn't been snow deep enough to plow for seven years.

A Nichol's Worth of ... Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington—(U.P.)—The modern patent lawyers confuse us with such stuff as "a device for scaring off mice." In common language that means a new mouse trap. Or "a combing of the hair." That would mean a comb with more teeth than a hair.



Harman Nichols

timers got down to the business at hand when they went before the board at the Patent Office. If a spade looked like a spade, it was called a spade and not a device for digging.

And that brings us to the year 1898, when one William Ed

Smith of Baltimore had a notion for an apparatus for dipping, measuring, and transferring molten glass from tanks to molds.

There is no record of how much Mr. Smith made on his idea, but at least he got down to the point.

Spoke His Piece
Smith had himself a machine that was about to do the labor of mere man. And in a few well chosen words he said what he wanted to say.

It all had to do with a new method of making jars and bottles by the process of blowing glass. Something older, for sure, than 1898.

Smith planned to use a pair of dippers or ladles, and cut off from the molten glass in the tank, or pot, an exact amount of glass (like a jug) and drop it into a glass mold located to receive it. Simple as that.

But the interesting part of the description comes in the wording of the patent which was finally accepted.

The man from Baltimore thought he was inventing a mechanical man. And he said just about that. Said he:

"The advantages of my invention over the previous state of the art are that it is an iron man. He gathers glass always in exactly the same quantity required, with no guesswork ..."

The Perfect Workman
And the inventor worked up to a full head of steam in his prose. He said that his mechanical glass blower would leave no waste behind him.

Further, this Smith contended, his mechanical man "is a man with four arms, eight hands, no body and no head, eats nothing, doesn't get sick or drunk, doesn't swear at his fellow workmen, doesn't grumble about capital, doesn't go on strikes, never tires, works day or night, and does his work quietly and with a regularity."

There are drawings in the old patent, showing a man not eating anything and not griping and working all kinds of hours without going on strike.

Japan Boat Rescues American Freighter

Tokyo—(U.P.)—A Japanese patrol boat escorted the 10,000-ton American freighter Oceanic to a port in Northern Japan today after the freighter developed a "very bad crack" on her portside near the Soviet-held Kuriles yesterday.

The Japanese Coast Guard said the patrol boat Daito had reached the freighter Oceanic today, approximately 270 miles East-Northeast of Nemuro, on the western tip of Hokkaido, Japan's northern-most island.

"The Daito is escorting the Oceanic to Hakodate and the two vessels are expected to reach that port sometime tomorrow," a coast guard spokesman said.

The liberty-type vessel had radioed for patrol escort at yesterday afternoon. She was en route to Seattle from Japan in ballast.

Texas Catholic Priest Weds Young Divorcee

Corpus Christi, Tex.—(U.P.)—A popular, 29-year-old Catholic priest revealed yesterday he had severed his connections with the Church and married a young divorcee.

Father Norman Stuber, whose radio broadcasts have been popular in South Texas, said he and Mrs. Dorothy Rogers, 29, control operator for radio station KRIS in Corpus Christi, were married.

The divorcee, who has two small children, came to Corpus Christi from San Antonio in 1946.

Stuber, assistant priest at the Corpus Christi Cathedral, had a Catholic radio inspirational program called "One Moment, please," plus three weekly radio broadcasts. They were all cancelled when he made his announcement. One of his programs was broadcast by the Voice of America last year.

Pre-Trial Conference Ordered on Bridges

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman has ordered a pre-trial conference Jan. 14 in the federal government's deportation suit against longshore leader Harry Bridges.

Judge Goodman ordered the conference yesterday after listening to two hours of arguments on a series of questions Bridges had asked the government to answer.

The government has accused Bridges of obtaining his American citizenship under false pretenses in 1945 by falsely swearing he was not a Communist.

Federal Income Tax Assistance Available

Federal income tax assistance will be provided by the Internal Revenue service in both Medford and Ashland in Jackson county prior to the new filing deadline of April 15.

Assistance in preparing statements will be provided in Medford at the federal office building, Sixth st. and Riverside ave., Jan. 13 to 17; Jan. 21 and Jan. 26 to Feb. 4, except Saturdays; Feb. 11, 18 and 25; March 4, 11, 18 and 25; and April 1 to 15, including Saturday, April 9.

May the Peace which comes of Faith, The Courage that's born of Hope, And the Joy which dwells in Love Be with you now, and through 1955!
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